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SUBJECT: ULTRA-LEFTISTS SENTENCED -- VANGUARDIA REVOLUCIONARIA
CHIEF EXONERATED

REF: LIMA 3530, LIMA 3687

1. MEMBERS OF THE ULTRA-LEFTIST VANGUARDIA REVOLUCIONARIA POLITICO-MILITAR (VRPM) ACCUSED OF ARMED ROBBERY, ASSAULT OF POLICEMEN, PLOTTING THE OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO INSTALL A "SOCIALIST STATE OF THE MARXIST-LENINIST TYPE" AND BOMBING OF LIMA SEARS STORE IN 1974 WERE SENTENCED APRIL 28 TO PRISON TERMS RANGING UP TO 20 YEARS. GROUP WAS FOUND GUILTY AS CHARGED, WITH EXCEPTION OF SEARS BOMBING WHICH REMAINS UNSOLVED.

2. THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL CONCLUDED THAT THE VRPM IS NOT CONNECTED WITH THE VANGUARDIA REVOLUCIONARIA (VR) LED BY RICARDO LETTS COLMENARES. LETTS, WHO REMAINED IN HIDING DURING THE TRIAL (HE HAS INFLUENTIAL FRIENDS AMONG MORE RADICAL GOP LEADERSHIP AND POLICE SEARCH MAY HAVE BEEN PERFUNCTORY), WAS EXONERATED.

3. IN ANOTHER CASE INVOLVING THE FAR LEFT, GOP HAS CHARGED FOURTEEN MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL GROUP, MIR, WITH ILLEGAL
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MANUFACTURE AND USE OF EXPLOSIVES AND THE ORGANIZATION OF

ARMED GROUPS. THE FOURTEEN ARE APPARENTLY THE RECENTLY-ARRESTED
EXTREMISTS, AMONG THEM STUDENTS, WHO WERE ACTIVE PRINCIPALLY
IN AREQUIPA AND THE SOUTH (LIMA 3687).
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